Selling Price of formulations by Pfizer

2202. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 186 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what are the prices at which Pfizer is selling their formulations based on Oxytetracycline and its salts;

(b) since when the company is selling these formulations at their own prices;

(c) what are the grounds on which Pfizer challenged the fixation of prices by Government;

(d) what was the sales turn over of Pfizer for these formulations during the last three years, year-wise and what is the percentage of sales of these formulations to total sales turn over during the same period;

(e) whether it is a fact that this drug has been categorised as essential; and

(f) if so what is the mark up allowed on formulations and what mark up is enjoyed by the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) M|s. Pfizer are selling the Oxytetracycline formulations based on the decision of the Delhi High Court. The main ground on which the prices of bulk drug Oxytetracyline and its salts and the formulations based thereon were challenged is that the material based on which prices were fixed| revised were not disclosed to them.

(d) Sales turnover of formulations is not monitored.

(e) Oxytetracyline and its salts are specified under category II of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(f) The mark up allowable under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 is 55 per cent. It is difficult to say what is the mark-up in the present prices charged by the Company, as the prices were declared under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970.

झांसी में डायल प्रणाली वाले टेलीफोन

2203. **डा० गोविन्द दास रिछारिया:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) झांसी में डायल प्रणाली वाले टेलीफोन आरम्भ करने के संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ;

(ख) इस प्रणाली के कब तक शुरू होने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस कार्य को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा): (क) झांसी में 18 करोड़ रुपये की लागत पर एक आटोमेटिक एक्सचेंज स्थापित करने की एक परियोजना को मंजूरी दे दी है। भवन निर्माण के लिये औपचारिकताएं पूरी की जा रही हैं ।

(ख) इस प्रणाली के आगामी तीन वर्षों मे चालू किए जाने की संभावना है ।

(ग) भवन के नक्शों को अंतिम रूप दे दिया गया है तथा अगले छः महीनों में भवन निर्माण शुरू हो जाने की संभावना है ।

Overcharging price of drugs by ASTRA-IDL

2204. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Astra-IDL was found over-charging the price of Ter-